

In re: Larry L. Kinn et al.
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REMARKS

The allowance of Claims 12 and 18 is acknowledged with appreciation.

By this response, independent Claims 1, 9, 20, 23, 31 and 32 have been amended in a manner consistent with allowed Claims 12 and 18. It is therefore believed that these claims, and the claims dependent therefrom should now be in condition for immediate allowance.

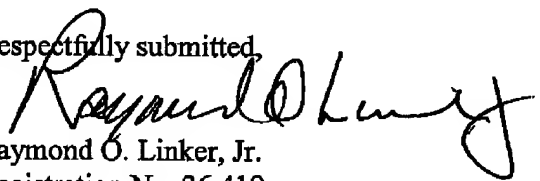
Claims 8 and 13 have been cancelled.

Claims 29 and 30 stand withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Since Claim 29 is dependent from Claim 1, which should now be in condition for allowance, it is submitted that Claim 29 should also be in condition for allowance. Likewise, Claim 30, which is dependent on Claim 29, should also be in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant requests reconsideration of the previous restriction requirement and reinstatement of Claims 29 and 30.

For the reasons noted above, it is submitted that this Amendment places the application in condition for immediate allowance. Therefore, entry of the Amendment and formal notification of the allowability of all claims as now presented are earnestly solicited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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